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1. THIS MESSAGE DEALS WITH THE ANNEXES TO THE COMPRE-
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HENSIVE REPORT ON THE LONG-TERM DEFENSE PROGRAM (AC/281
(LTP)WP(78)2(REVISED)). INSTRUCTIONS ON OTHER PORTION OF
THE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT ARE IN SEPTTEL. THIS MESSAGE ALSO
RESPONDS IN PART TO REFTTEL A.

2. PERMREP ACTION SETTING 8 MAY AS
THEIR DATE FOR DEALING WITH EWG REPORT ALLOWS A FEW MORE

DAYS FOR EWG ACTION. WE SUGGEST EWG DEAL WITH REVISED TEXT ON ITS MERITS ON 21 APRIL AND RETURN TO TEXT FOR FINAL EWG CLEARANCE ON 25 OR 26 APRIL. WE THINK EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON 21 APRIL SHOULD PERMIT DECISION ON MANY OF THE OPEN POINTS (TO INCLUDE AGREEMENT TO LEAVE IN BRACKETS WHERE APPROPRIATE), WITH ONLY A FEW FINAL MAJOR POINTS TO BE TAKEN UP ON 25/26 APRIL. YOU SHOULD DISCUSS THIS APPROACH WITH PETRIGNANI SOONEST AS AN OPTION IN PROBABLE EVENT THAT ALL IS NOT LIGHT AND SWEETNESS ON 21 APRIL.

3. IN CONSIDERING SEQUENTIAL PHASED ACTION, HOWEVER, WE WELCOME REPORTING BY MISSION ON EXTENT AND DEPTH OF OPPOSITION TO US POSITIONS, RECOGNIZING THAT OUR OBJECTIVES INCLUDE BOTH AGREEMENT ON A SUBSTANTIAL SET OF MEASURES IN LONG-TERM DEFENSE PROGRAM AREAS (SOME FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION, OTHERS FOR BETTER DEFINITION OF TASKS AND TIMINGS) AND ACCEPTANCE IN PRINCIPLE OF LONG-TERM DEFENSE PROGRAM AS A CONTINUING MANAGERIAL DEVICE (PERIODIC PROGRESS REPORTING AND PROGRAM REVISION).

4. WE AGREE GENERALLY WITH MOST MISSION PROPOSALS IN REF B. EXCEPT AS INDICATED OTHERWISE BELOW, YOU MAY PROCEED. MISSION SHOULD ALSO HOLD FIRM ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS, SOME OF WHICH MAY OVERLAP YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS.

A. ANNEX A (READINESS): PARA 14(C). RETAIN US
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BRACKETS ON GROUNDS ALTERNATIVE IS MEANINGLESS.

B. ANNEX B (REINFORCEMENT): PARA 8(C)(II) - WE FEEL THIS PARAGRAPH SHOULD BE CLARIFIED TO REFLECT THAT, IN ORDER FOR ANY ALLIANCE DECISION TO REINFORCE TO BE IMPLEMENTED EFFECTIVELY, ALL ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN MUST BE ARRANGED PRIOR TO THAT DECISION.

C. ANNEX C (RESERVE MOBILIZATION).

(1) PARA 5(A) (III) - REPLACE THE WORD, "ELIMINATE", WITH THE WORDS, "STUDY ELIMINATING".

(2) PARA 5(A)(VI) - ADD THE WORDS "SEEK TO" BEFORE "PROVIDE LINKS".

(3) PARA 5(B) - RETAIN US BRACKETS AND PROPOSE COMPROMISE WORDING (PARA 5, REF B).

D. ANNEX D (MARITIME POSTURE)

(1) DO NOT ACCEPT ANY OF THE BRACKETED "IN PRINCIPLE"

ADD-ONS IN THIS ANNEX. MAYBE A SPECIAL SENTENCE COULD BE FORMULATED TO MEET DANISH AND NORWEGIAN PROBLEM, E.G., THAT THEY WILL DO THEIR BEST OVER TIME.

(2) PARA 4 - ADD THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE AT END OF PARA:
"IMPORTANT LOW-COST/NO-COST MARITIME POSTURE RECOMMENDATIONS NOT ALREADY IN OTHER STUDIES MUST ALSO BE ADDRESSED."

(3) SUGGEST DELETING PARA 12(D)(III) AND SUBSTITUTING (OR ADDING AS A SEPARATE PARA) THE FOLLOWING: "AS A

MATTER OF URGENCY, RATIONALIZE NATO/NATIONAL MINING PLANS AND ESTABLISH A CURRENT INVENTORY OF MINING
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ASSETS AND MINES AS A BASIS FOR DEVELOPING VALID NATO MINING REQUIREMENTS." BUT YOU MAY GIVE ON THESE QUIBBLING SEMANTICS IF OUR LANGUAGE WON'T FLY.

(4) CONCERNING PARA 6 B OF REF B, WE CANNOT ACCEPT THE JUNGUIS SENTENCE ADD-ON NOR DO WE FEEL YOUR COMPROMISE LANGUAGE IS REQUIRED.

(5) PARA 12(E)(III) - RETAIN US BRACKETS.

(6) ADD NEW PARA 12(G) ON SINGLE MANAGER (SEE PARA 6C, REF B).

E. ANNEX E (AIR DEFENSE)

(1) PARA 1. SECOND SENTENCE. CHANGE TO READ: "AN OPERATIONAL CONCEPT FOR THE AIR DEFENSE OF ALLIED COMMAND EUROPE AND A BASIC PROGRAMME HAVE BEEN . . . BEYOND." THIS CHANGE IS NECESSARY AS A MATTER OF ACCURACY. THE CONCEPT USED WAS DEVELOPED BY THE TF.

(2) PARA 2. LAST SENTENCE. CHANGE TO READ: "THUS, THE PROGRAMME HAS BEEN DEVELOPED AS AN INTEGRATED WHOLE, AND THE FINAL APPROVED PROGRAMME SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED AS AN ENTITY, RECOGNIZING, HOWEVER, . . . PLANNING". WE HAVE ALREADY CALLED FOR ADDITIONAL STUDY AND SIGNIFICANT MODIFICATION WHICH SHOULD NOT BE BLOCKED.

(3) PARAGRAPH 9, 2ND SENTENCE. CHANGE AS FOLLOWS: "IN BOTH THE FLANK REGIONS, THERE IS A NEED FOR BOTH INTERCEPTORS AND SURFACE-TO-AIR WEAPONS TO PROVIDE DEFENSE IN DEPTH AND TO PROTECT KEY INSTALLATIONS."

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(4) PARA 10(B) - RETAIN US BRACKETS, EXCEPT, IF NATIONS OBJECT, CHANGE "IMPLEMENT" TO EITHER "COORDINATE" OR "IMPLEMENT THE OPERATIONAL ASPECTS OF".

F. ANNEX F (C3): RETAIN US BRACKETS IN PARAS 11(B) AND 11(E), EXCEPT THAT WORDS "(EXCLUDING NICS II)" SHOULD BE REVISED TO READ "(EXCLUDING COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS SUCH AS NICS II)". MISSION CAN AGREE TO DROP THE FOOTNOTE IN 11(C)(II).

G. ANNEX G (EW)

(1) PARAS 4(A)(III) AND 9(A)(III) -- ADD WORDS "HOMING MUNITION" AFTER "EXPENDABLE JAMMING" IN PARA 4(A)(III) AND "HOMING MUNITIONS" AFTER "EXPENDABLE JAMMERS" IN PARA 9(A)(III). THESE TWO APPROACHES SHOULD BE ADDRESSED

CONCURRENTLY. THE ATTAINMENT OF EITHER OF THESE CAPABILITIES MAY AFFECT THE NEED FOR THE OTHER.

(2) PARA 4(B)(III) -- WE CAN ACCEPT NETHERLANDS TEXT.

(3) PARA 9(A)(II) -- DELETE WORD, "ALL", IN SECOND LINE SINCE IT IS IMPRACTICAL TO PROVIDE TO ALL AIRCRAFT.

(4) ADD NEW PARA 10(A)(VII) -- "DESIGNATE SACEUR AS MANAGER FOR NATO LAND - AIR EW IN CLOSE COORDINATION WITH CINCHAN/SACLANT AS MANAGERS FOR MARITIME EW." INSIST ON BRACKETS IF NOT ACCEPTED.

H. ANNEX H (RATIONALIZATION)

(1) PARA 6 -- SUPPORT US BRACKETS, BUT IF UK IS ENTRENCHED, ACCEPT UK POSITION.

(2) PARA 11(A) -- WE THINK OUR LANGUAGE IS MUCH CLEARER. IF CHIEF PROBLEM IS WORD "DIRECT" REPLACE WORDS, "TO CONFIDENTIAL

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DIRECT THAT:" AT BEGINNING WITH WORDS, "AGREE THAT:"

(3) PARA 11(B)(II) -- OPPOSE UK TEXT. MINISTER OF STATE GILBERT TOLD US IN UK THAT HMG NOW PLANS TO INSERT QUITE SIMILAR LANGUAGE IN ITS OWN DIRECTIVES.

(4) PARA 11(D) -- WE CAN DROP LIST, SINCE IT ALREADY

EXISTS IN OTHER ANNEXES, BUT INSIST ON RETAINING
ALTERNATIVE PARA (D).

I. ANNEX J (CONSUMER LOGISTICS)

(1) PARA 1 -- HAVE FIRST SENTENCE READ: "THE ALLIANCE
IS AT PRESENT LOGISTICALLY UNPREPARED TO ADEQUATELY
SUPPORT ITS COMBAT FORCES IN CONVENTIONAL WARFARE."

(2) PARA 4 -- RETAIN US BRACKETS.

(3) PARA 5 -- DO NOT ACCEPT BELGIAN-UK DELETION.

(4) PARA 7 -- CHANGE AS FOLLOWS: "... ACHIEVED WITHIN
3 YEARS IN THE ..."

(5) PARA 11 -- WE CAN ACCEPT DELETION OF THIS PARAGRAPH.

(6) PARAS 13(A) AND 13(C) -- RETAIN US BRACKETS.

(7) PARA 13(D) CHANGE AS FOLLOWS: "... ESTABLISH

WITHIN 3 YEARS ..."

(8) PARA 13(E) -- WE CAN ACCEPT FIRST THREE WORDS, "AGREE
IN PRINCIPLE," BUT DO NOT ACCEPT FRG/UK TEXT.
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(9) PARA 13(G) -- RETAIN US BRACKETS.

(10) PARA 13(J) -- WE CAN ACCEPT FOOTNOTE 4 IF OTHERS
WILL GO ALONG WITH US ON PARA 13(E).

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